

HOUSE RESOLUTION 121

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Colonel Sammie Lee Lyles of East Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Colonel Sammie Lee "Sam" Lyles of East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Lyles was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born to Penny and Mildred Lyles in Knoxville on May 11, 1941, Sam Lyles graduated from Young High School and went on to attend Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, he joined the United States Army as a 2nd Lieutenant, and over the course of his distinguished twenty-seven-year career, he served two tours in Vietnam, receiving the Bronze Star; he was further honored for his service when the 193rd Infantry Brigade under his command received the Cutting Edge Award for Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Sam Lyles retired honorably from the Army as a Colonel and returned to Knoxville, where he served with acumen and alacrity as the president of the AARP Knoxville chapter; he later served as a member of the State Executive Board in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Colonel Lyles and his wife moved to Scott County, and he quickly became involved in the community there, serving as a county commissioner for three terms and as the chairman of the budget committee; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Lyles is survived by his wife of fifty-six years, Wanda Lyles; his son, Scott Lyles; his daughter-in-law, Katie Lyles; and his grandchildren, Travis Lyles and Amanda Lyles; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Bobbie Thomas;
and

WHEREAS, Colonel Sam Lyles leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Colonel Sammie Lee Lyles, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Colonel Lyles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.